

COTTONWOOD ENVIRONMENTAL )  
LAW CENTER, *et al.* ) Case No. 2:18-CV-00028-BMM  
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Plaintiffs, )  
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vs. ) DECLARATION OF  
CLAIRE DEUTER  
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RON EDWARDS, in his official )  
capacity as manager of the Big Sky )  
Water and Sewer District, *et al.* )  
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Defendants. )  
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I, Claire Deuter, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1746, hereby declare as follows:

1. I have personal knowledge of the matters stated herein and, if called as a witness, would competently testify.
2. I submit this declaration on my own behalf and as a member of Cottonwood.
3. As a member of Cottonwood, I donate time and money to the organization.
4. I worked in Bozeman during the summer of 2020.
5. I visited the West Fork of the Gallatin River in June of 2020. I walked alongside the river, waded through the water, and ate lunch beside the river.
6. I whitewater rafted on the Gallatin River on my birthday, June 24, 2020. The raft trip was on a section of the Gallatin River north of Big Sky.
7. I have recreational and conservation interests in the river. Walking alongside the river, wading in the river, and rafting on the river provided me enjoyment. I liked taking in the scenic views, looking for wildflowers along the river, and watching for wildlife. Recreating in and alongside the river also gave me an opportunity to socialize and enjoy the area with friends.
8. Pollution in the West Fork harms my recreational and conservation interests. I do not want to look at, wade through, or raft on polluted water.
9. The pollution negatively affects my conservation interests in healthy ecosystems. The pollution negatively affects the fish, wildlife, and plants that rely on the river. The algae blooms on the River are caused by Nitrogen, which Big Sky is discharging into the River illegally.
10. I plan to return to the Gallatin River to recreate during the first week of August, 2021. If the Defendant continues to pollute the River, I won't return to recreate. This upsets me since the area is so unique, beautiful, and in a convenient location to Bozeman.
11. Failure to stop this pollution will cause irreparable harm to my recreational and aesthetic interests in the Gallatin River watershed.

12. Enjoining the discharge of this pollution will ameliorate the harm to my interests in the Gallatin River watershed.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Date: October 24, 2020.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Claire Deuter". The signature is written in dark ink on a light blue, textured background that appears to be a piece of paper or cardstock.